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BUSINESS PLAN PROVIDED FOR CITY FINANCES

Complete Accounting System Is Adopted By Council for Finances.

Absolute Check Will Obtain On Expenditures Of City Money.

Treasurer Booth in Offices Beginning First Day Of New Year.

Inaugurating a "cash register" system, the city council Tuesday night perfected the new city treasury plan and adopted the ordinance covering it. It means, in brief, that all city money will be accounted for through one system of books under one head, and expenditures will be disbursed accordingly.

Chas. D. Booth, previously elected city treasurer, will have charge of the fiscal system of the city under direction of the legislative council. He has provided bond in the amount of \$25,000 and will assume office on next Monday.

The city treasury plan will not only mean a considerable saving of money to the city, but will provide a system of accounts in a manner that is understandable and that may be analyzed in detail without exhaustive deductions. Heretofore the receipts of the city from various resources have been handled by different officials with no concentration whatever. Now the receipts will all come through one cash system. Putting it in the words of one of the members of the city council: "The city is now putting in a cash register; dispensing with the old wooden cash drawer container on which the bell had been."

Every cent that is paid out will be approved by the legislative council, either in individual appropriation or in bulk. There will be no more payroll in cash to one party to be disbursed or distributed; every salary of employee of the city will sign his name to the payroll and get his amount direct. Previously it will have been appropriated by the legislative council, and subsequently this body will scrutinize the disbursement in the form of a voucher covering such monthly expenditures. All costs of operation and materials bought for account of the operation of the water and light plant will come before the legislative council; heretofore this body has known nothing of the details of this department, except the quarterly summarized reports. In other words, there will be an appropriation of every cent the city pays out, and likewise there will be a similar accounting of the receipts.

Hereafter, the recorder will be on strictly a fee basis; he will be paid for those things he accomplishes; there will be no more allowance of 1 1/2 per cent commission on the disbursements of that office, which detail alone will save the city hundreds of dollars annually. A particular reference might here be had to the new bond issue; it will save \$2,225 in that item alone. Previous bond issues have allowed the recorder 1 1/2 per cent on the amount.

With the business of the city fiscal department growing with the enhancement of population and extension of physical properties, personally, and really, the city treasury plan fills a necessity in the conduct of its affairs and is installed at a psychological time. Every month the board of public works and the legislative council will have a itemized statement of the results, the same as a private or corporation business, plus a total of the operating costs and revenues for the fiscal year and a comparison with the previous year. This also, will supply the figures for a check on the allowed budget for operating expenses, and enable a control on this expense.

FORMER HEADS OF SCHOOLS CONTROL

The Paris special school board, W. I. Dale, chairman; W. N. Porter, secretary; J. W. Currier, Jr., W. C. Johnston, and C. D. Trevathan, met Wednesday afternoon in its first session since temporarily supplanted by the county board, at the National Toilet Co. Building.

The books pertaining to the city schools were taken over from the county board, and W. N. Porter read that part of the minutes pertaining to the city schools, since the July meeting of the county board. The board ratified all business matters of the city schools while under the administration of the county board. Jno. Richardson, chairman of the county board was given a vote of thanks for efficient services rendered.

Negro Meets Death When Philanthropy Misguides A Truck

When Bailey Dumas diverted his attention from driving a truck to save a negro passenger from being burned, the truck headed off the road and into the drainage ditch, resulting in the death of the negro. Fate thus handed a destination to Bud McGook on last Friday. Bud was among a number of negroes bound for Paris from the road builders camp near Cottage Grove, going home to spend the Christmas tide. Along near the H. W. Shell farm home Bud's clothing caught afire from a lantern on the truck. The driver, Mr. Bailey Dumas, turned to help extinguish the sudden flame, and as he did so the truck changed its course and went into the ditch. The negro was instantly killed, his neck having been broken. He came here with the road building gang from Victoria, Mississippi.

LAD IS FATALLY INJURED HUNTING

Robert Young, Thirteen Years Old, Dies From Gunshot Wound By Accident.

Probable carelessness with a gun resulted in the almost instant death of little Robert Young, age 13, son of Mrs. Mattie Young, N. Market street, on Monday and cast a gloom over the Christmas holidays for his many little playmates and relatives. The accident occurred at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Sam Cole, one mile and a half north of Mansfield, Monday morning at nine o'clock, as he was attempting to climb a fence with his gun, a 44 single barrel shot gun. He lived only five hours, never regaining consciousness enough to talk except to ask for water, and died at 2 p. m.

In company with his cousin, Sam McGee, Robert was waiting in a field near the Cole home for several other boys to go with them hunting. Impatient for their approach, and halting failing to summon them, Robert determined to mount the fence and shoot from a height so that the lads would be hurried. He either fell and accidentally released the hammer of the gun, or the hammer caught on a rail as he was climbing the fence.

His cousin, who was a short distance away saw him fall backward over the fence when the gun was shot, and ran to him as he failed to get a response when he called him. Mrs. Cole was on her porch, and seeing the accident was soon at the boy's side. Assistance quickly summoned soon showed that the shooting was perhaps fatal, and it was quickly discovered that Robert could survive but a few hours, the shots having entered his right cheek, and pierced the brain, almost tearing away an entire half of the face and head.

His mother, Mrs. Mattie Young, and his sister, Ina Katherine Young, reached his bedside a short while before his death, but he did not open his eyes nor recognize them. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at the residence, N. Market street, by Rev. W. C. Waters. Interment was at Maplewood.

Robert was the son of the late Lucien Young, he was a manly, likable little chap, a help and happiness to his mother. He was in the seventh grade at Atkins-Porter School. He was a regular boy, fond of baseball and sport, a lover of a gun and a dog. He had been handling a gun for two years, and was considered by his playmates to be a fair shot.

Deep community sympathy goes out to the grief stricken mother, and tender and loving pity of relatives and friends was expressed in the wealth of beautiful floral tributes. Besides his mother, only one sister, Miss Ina Katherine Young, 16, survives.

RABBIT'S MEDICATIONS

PARSON SAY AN OUGHTER MAKE UP A RESOLUTION 'T GIT LONG WID DE OLE TOM' FUM NOW ON, BUT TAIN' NO USE--SHE DONE RES'LUTED 'T GIT LONG 'DOOT ME!!



PRICE HOLDING STEADY ON NEW TOBACCO SCALE

Common Grade Selling Better Than Previously Was Anticipated.

Country Buying Still Slow But Some Contracts Being Made.

Activity Will Increase Now As Holiday Season Is Closing Up.

(By W. B. Kennedy.) The loose market on the streets and loose floors has continued active throughout the week, but owing to the unfavorable weather sales have been light. Prices have continued firm and some higher on all grades from trash lugs to good leaf. There was no good or fine leaf in the offerings, but quite a sprinkling of medium to good medium selling at 18 to 25 cents. The greater part of the leaf offering was common to good common selling at 12 to 18 cents. Low leaf sold at 4 to 12 cents and lugs at 1 to 5 cents.

Buying in the country has been slow with only a few of the buyers riding. In some sections considerable business was transacted in the better grades. Quite a sprinkling of tobacco was sold at the barn door in March and Calloway counties at prices ranging from 18 to 30 cents for the leaf, most of it being of the better crop ranging above 20 cents. We hear of very little tobacco being bought by speculators at present, the bulk of it being bought by contractors. While prices for the medium to good and fine leaf look rather high, they are not so high as the commoner grades, when quality is considered. The crop is not as good as we first thought, but we have a fair proportion of extra good leaf for this district, and no doubt it will command high prices throughout the season. What the market will do on low and common grades remains to be seen, but prices are higher than were generally expected, but the crop is a short one, which is the case all over the dark district, and we may see high prices throughout the season, but conditions are unfavorable for export, still export styles are commanding high prices.

The hhd. market has been some more active than last week, possibly a result of buyers' bids, selling through the Planter's Association and private warehouses. The greater part of the sales were of low and common leaf selling at 10 to 15 cents. A few hdds. of good common rehandling styles selling up to 20 cents. The lug market was some more active than it has been with prices ranging from 4 1/2 to 7 cents for old lugs.

Realty Transfers Weak In Close-Up Season's Business

The last week of the year is usually an important one in real estate circles, especially in farm deals, as it is a set time for ranging for the year's crop, for farm tenants, and for other details that begin on the farm the first of the new year. Trades are finally consummated, and there is an always increased amount of moving and settling elsewhere for the next twelve months.

The number of farms changing hands at this season this year, however, are few in number, there being only five recorded among the land transfers.

GIBSON COUNTY ADOPTS EXPRESS COTTON; GOOD BODY

A. L. Jordan and L. A. Huff, marketing specialists, Division of Extension, in a visit to Gibson County found 75 bales of express cotton that sampled from 1 1/16 to 1 3/16 with a good body. The farmers were offered 25 cents for it. With a 20,000 bale crop for the county the difference in price if all planted express cotton would make \$1,000,000 more than they are getting for this crop, as the short staple varieties are selling for 15 cents. A movement was started to adopt this variety in Gibson and as a result 5,000 acres have been pledged by growers which will increase the value of the cotton crop of the county many thousands of dollars.

NEW YEAR TO BRING SHINING NEW SILVER DOLLARS OF NEW DESIGN

Another Street Is Opened; Demand for Homes On Increase

The arms conference will be reflected in a new series of silver dollars, minting of which will be started immediately.

The design of the new dollars was approved by President Warren G. Harding on its submission by Raymond T. Baker, director of the mint, following approval by the Fine Arts Commission. Mr. Baker said about 700,000 of the new dollars would be coined before the beginning of the new year.

The new dollars, which were designed by Anthony D. Francis of New York, will have the usual head of Liberty on the obverse side while the reverse side will have a large figure of an eagle perched on a broken sword and clutching an olive branch bearing the word "peace."

Further denoting the dawn of a new era the background will show rays of a rising sun. The usual "E Pluribus Unum" and "In God We Trust" also will be on the coin. This is the first time since 1875, Mr. Baker said, that a new design has been adopted for the dollar.

No Definite Clue In Investigation Of Jewelry Theft

There is still no definite clue in the investigation by the police of the robbery of Murray Drug & Jewelry Company, although it is said a number of suggestions have been offered and are being worked out. No theory, however, has as yet been advanced that has led to any direct trace of the stolen diamond rings, watches, and bracelets valued at \$7,000 and \$962 in cash that was taken.

Manager Murray, following the discovery of the burglary on Thursday morning of last week, reentered a stock of diamond jewelry to replace that taken, and was able to serve the Christmas shoppers.

Leach & Son Move To New Home; Now Have More Space

A. M. Leach & Son have moved to their new home opposite the post office, and are better equipped to serve their trade. The new headquarters being in their own building, they are in a better position to arrange details to serve the customers and display the goods without the inconvenience suffered on account of being previously located on the congested square. The new store is just opposite the postoffice on S. Market street. Zach. Broadway will continue to manage the harness department for Mr. Leach.

Paris Folks Mail 36,000 Letters To Friends Yule Week

Six thousand post cards were mailed at the postoffice here December 24th, and thirty-six thousand letters were handled through the local postoffice between the 20th and the 24th.

According to the mail clerks, the Christmas mail this year was unusually heavy, exceeding that of last year by a large margin. Packages of all sizes, shapes and descriptions were entrusted to Uncle Sam for Yule delivery.

Perhaps the one package sent on the longest journey was mailed at the postoffice here. The largest post package handled here weighed seventy pounds and went to Memphis.

ARMY STORE SOON TO BE IN NEW BUILDING HERE

The Army Store will soon be in their new location in the Dilgo Building which is under construction at the corner of E. Washington and Brewer streets. In the meantime the store has been stored at the former Leckett Value Company stand, and the Walden Company will serve their customers there as best they can handle the trade until the new store is ready.

PHOTOCAR IS MADE FOR NEWS PICTURES

To get the maximum of speed in taking photographs of news events and developing the negatives, progressive photographers of Atlantic City, N. J., have constructed on a Dodge Brothers chassis a special body in the form of a giant glider camera.

The interior of the body is ingeniously arranged so that a man can climb up a ladder, like arrangement bringing him to a height of ten feet from the ground, and giving him a commanding view of any events which may be taking place. The body is also used as a dark room in which negatives may be developed and finished, guaranteeing speedy service, which would otherwise be impossible.

The "glider wagon," or photocar, as it is variously called, is the very latest thing in rapid newspaper photography. It is significant that for the speed and reliability which are so vital in this game, Dodge Brothers chassis was chosen to furnish the power.

CITY CUTS TAX IN FACE LOWER ASSESSED VALUE

Rate of 6 1/2 Mills Determines Aggregate of Taxes For This Year.

Where Assessment is Lower Less Tax Will Now Be Collected.

Few Instances Where Taxes Increase To Make Up Differences.

Although figures show decrease in assessed valuation in the City of Paris of some \$700,000 for the tax determination basis for 1921 as compared with the previous year, the City Council Tuesday night fixed a tax rate that means a reduction in taxes for 1921.

The rate as announced is only 6 1/2 mills. Last year it was 6 mills. The reduction of some \$700,000 in comparative assessed valuation means that a very much increased rate would have to apply to offset the difference so as to get the same aggregate in money as the previous year, and as was anticipated by the new city executives would be the limit they thought the taxing revenue would have to reach. However, it was not necessary to apply a rate sufficient to absorb all the difference, after the budget deductions were analyzed and the newly added revenues of the city taken into consideration.

For the year 1920 the assessment in Paris was \$3,511,412 and the rate was 6 mills, bringing an aggregate tax return of \$21,388.47. In making the new assessment the state-county tax assessor reduced the assessment about \$700,000 in round figures, or to \$2,811,412. This would have compelled a tax rate of better than 7 mills. However, the city council considered all the conditions, its budget requirements, and made a rate of 6 1/2 mills to get \$22,642 tax aggregate, after adding the new property, homes, and personality that have been consequent upon the growing city that Paris is.

In checking over the tax books for this year and for last, some interesting comparisons are noted. There are many individual reductions in assessment that run over 20 per cent, and yet there are some instances where the assessment was not reduced. For instance, selecting at random a few names from the different letters of the alphabet, the following results were shown:

G. T. Abernathy, old realty assessment \$3,500, new \$3,500; will pay this year \$22.75; paid last year \$21.60. J. W. Cook, old assessment \$5,000, new \$4,000; will pay this year \$26; paid last year \$20. T. B. Gardner, old assessment \$10,120, new \$9,000; will pay this year \$58.50; paid last year \$69.72. J. H. Arnett, old assessment \$2,000, new the same. Will pay \$13 this year; paid last year \$12. L. C. Humphrey, old assessment \$4,720, new \$3,400; will pay this year \$22.10, paid last year \$22.32. W. N. Barham, old assessment \$9,000, new \$8,000; will pay this year \$52, paid last year \$64.

The above few cases are given, and others will be featured in this paper from time to time, that the tax payers may understand just how the burden is distributed. According to the charter of the City of Paris, and as it has always been, the figures of the state-county assessors are used for the city. Where the assessment for 1921 was not reduced by the assessor, that individual will have to pay a slight increase this year in the city of 1/2 mill, while his neighbor pays a decrease. Very few increased valuations, however, were recorded in the assessor's report for 1921.

Since the announcement of the city tax rate there seems to be a general satisfaction expressed, and many are loud in their praise of the finance committee for being able to accomplish such attainment.

AT CHURCH OF CHRIST. Rev. David Thompson of Murray, Ky., will conduct the services at the Church of Christ Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and Sunday evening at 8:45. The public is cordially invited.

WIGGS TAKES OFFICE FIRST OF NEW YEAR

John W. Wiggs, recently selected as the Paris postmaster, to succeed Y. Q. Caldwell, whose term had expired, will be checked in and assume his duties at the federal building on January 1st. Postoffice Inspector A. A. Mester of Jackson will be here tomorrow and make the transfer between Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Wiggs. There are no changes in the personnel of the postoffice force announced at this time, all employees being under the civil service rules of employment.

CUPID ARROW IS FALLING SHORT OF USUAL MARK

Holiday Week License For Wedlock Below Number Previous Year.

Living Costs Reduced Although Place to Live Curbs Plans.

Annual Statistics Depict A Decrease In Yuletide Wedding Ties.

In line with general reductions elsewhere, Dan Cupid slumped in promoting nuptial bliss this holiday season, and although the number of license issued during the Christmas week, as usual exceed the total for any week of the year, they fell below last year's record for the same period by ten, 38 being issued Dec. 22-28, 1921, against 48 for Dec. 22-28, 1920. With the cost of living some 28 per cent reduced, and with the question of "somewhere to live" being slightly relieved here by new houses going up the past year, etc., Cupid threatens to play a joke on himself and graciously "overlooks his hand" in lying down on his chosen job. It is evident that he is a victim of the widespread "reduction" fever that has been affecting prices, wages, employees et cetera, and that by spring he will realize his short sightedness and still in tune with the renewed business prosperity that the young year promises, will "pop up."

The holiday week marriage license seekers include: J. R. Hamlin to Miss Quince Lee Joyner; P. M. Nance to Miss Vera Jones; R. A. McNutt to Miss Lois Henry; Loy Elkins to Miss Lizzie B. Barry; Guy Revel to Miss Lolla Jolly; J. O. Miles to Miss Cordie May Lamb; Ernest Hubbard to Miss Lucille Hastings; J. T. Lamar to Miss Jessie Cox; Charlie Rust to Miss Mary McClure; Willie Clement to Miss Irene Jorman; Walter Ward to Miss Orena Carvell; Albert Vaseur to Miss Dura Alexander; E. V. Wimberly to Ocie Willoughby; George Sparks to Miss Augustus Beach; J. C. Ward to Miss Lillie Patterson; Ira Wilson to Miss Lona Jackson; A. D. Reynolds to Miss Irene Forrester; W. E. Collins to Miss Orlene Lampkin; Charlie E. Crawford to Miss Maud Smith; Euell Miller to Miss Irene Cochran; Euell Lee Wilson to Miss Iva Lee Bonds; T. Blackwell to Miss Mary Emily Blackwood; Doris B. Orr to Miss Brenda May Hicks.

Colored: Percy Haynes to Opal Berry; Lester McCullough to Ruth Tharpe; Arthur Matthews to Johnnie Lee Jones; Genie Clark to Jennie McGee; Charlie Brown to Louise Cavitt.

BANK OF HENRY DIVIDEND. At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Henry Wednesday morning, a dividend of five per cent was declared. This is a semi-annual dividend payable to shareholders the first of January. The surplus stock was increased five thousand dollars. Election of directors and officers will be at a later meeting.

Negro Woman Sets House On Fire; Is Consumed In Flame

Supposedly of unsound mind, the wife of Henry Dumas, colored, was burned to death Tuesday afternoon, after she had set fire to the house in which she lived on the Reynolds road two miles southeast of the city. Her husband was away from home at the time, and before the flames could be extinguished the house was totally destroyed—only the charred remains of the negro woman being found. According to those who have acquainted with the negroes, the woman has been of unsound mind for some time, and from the general situation it is the conclusion she lighted the fire herself, which burned the house and enveloped her body.

COUNTY COURT IN ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Elections of two commissioners will feature the quarterly meeting of the county court next Monday. A road board commissioner to be chosen to succeed Dr. E. A. Travis whose term expires, and a county home commissioner to be selected to fill the vacancy of the expiring term of J. E. Maxwell. Other chief transactions for this regular meeting include the usual appropriations that are asked of the court, and that are always some larger at the January meet. The granting of the appropriations will depend upon the trustee's report to how rapidly the county taxes being paid and what county debts are cashable.